

Classification Guidance

- Security Classification Guide (SCG):
 - The primary source guide for derivative classification
 - Precise, comprehensive guidance about a specific program, system, operation, or weapons system
 - Identifies each classified element of information and provides:
 - The classification level
 - The reason(s) for that classification
 - Declassification and applicable downgrade instructions
- Source Documents:
 - The second authorized source for derivative classification
 - Must be an existing, properly marked source document
 - When used, the new document must include or have an attached list of source material
- DD Form 254, the DoD Contract Security Classification Specification
 - The third authorized source for derivative classification
 - Provides classification guidance to contractors including:
 - The level of information contractors will need to access
 - The required level of security clearance for access
 - The performance requirements (i.e., safeguarding and special security requirements)
 - Often references another document such as a security classification guide for specific classification guidance